APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

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Examiner: Winter, John M. Art Unit: 3685 Status of Application: pending

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Date of Interview: July 13, 2009 Proposed Time: 5:00PM EST

Type of Interview Requested:
(1) [X] Telephonic (2) [ ] Personal (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES [X] NO
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ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1)101 & 103 Rej.	1	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2) _____	—	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

--101 Rejection:

Claim 1 is amended to address the 101 rejection.

--103 Rejection:

Claim 1 has been amended to state:

Claim 1:
1. A computerized implemented method of watermarking a software object, wherein the computer performs the following functions comprising ~~the steps of~~:
(a) ~~determining~~ a watermark;
(b) determining an input sequence; and
(c) storing the watermark in an execution state of the software object, wherein the execution state is the non-static state of the software object as it is being run on the computer with a particular input sequence, wherein the watermark is stored in a manner that the watermark is detectable by a computerized recognizer which examines the execution state of the software object when the software object is being run with the input sequence.

Applicant submits that recitation in conjunction with the other elements of the claims are not taught or suggested by the cited references.

Regarding basis in the disclosure for "non-static", the disclosure at page 8 line 24 to around page 9 line 13 discusses prior art. Specific reference is made to embedding a watermark in a static string at page 8 lines 10-15. Also, on page 8 lines 17-22 there is reference to embedding a watermark in the program code itself i.e. in a static representation of the program. The disclosure then goes on to introduce the invention beginning at page 9 line 25. In particular, at line 32 of page 9 there is the statement:

"The watermark W is embedded, not in the static structure of the program, its code (Unix text segment), its static data (Unix initialized data segment), or its type information (Unix symbol segment or Java's constant pool), but rather in the state of the program as it is being run with a particular input sequence..."

This is sufficient to support the proposed claim amendment to the watermark being embedded in the non-static state of the program.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:This form should be completed by Applicant and submitted to the Examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP 713.01).

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature) (Examiner/SPE Signature)